THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Atomic Energy Act 1962 allows nuclear power generation only by a Government Company with greater than 51% shares of Government of India. Amendment to the act would be required to enable private sector participation in nuclear power generation. No final decision has been taken in this matter.

(c) and (d) Many foreign firms are also engaged in discussions at the company level for setting up of nuclear power projects in the country. However, these discussions are only of exploratory nature.

(e) Presently there are 16 nuclear power reactors under operation in the country with a total installed capacity of 3900 MWe. The present capacity of 3900 MWe will be increased to 4120 MWe by the end of X Plan with completion of Kaiga-3 (220 MWe) and 7280 MWe with the completion of three more units of 220 MWe namely Kaiga-4 and RAPP-5&6 and two units of 1000 MWe each, being set up at Kudankulam. Tamil Nadu in co-operation with Russian Ferderation, and 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (of the second stage) by the end of XI Plan progresssively. Large scale expansion of the nuclear power is envisaged beyond XI plan.

Movement by displaced persons in Talcher field, Orissa

†2416. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken to resolve the ongoing movement by the displaced persons in the Talcher field under Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (M.C.L.) situated in Orissa;

(b) the reasons for not providing the required employment to the displaced persons therefor; and

(c) the extent of employment provided in other fields incomparison to the production and its's statistics in Talcher field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) is in constant touch with the land oustees and the Government of Orissa for

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rehabilitation and resettlement (R & R) of displaced persons. For monitoring the Rehabilitation and Resettlement benefits being provided to the displaced persons, the Government of Orissa has constituted two Rehabilitation Advisory Committees (RAC), one for Angul District and the other for Jharsuguda and Sundargarh Districts under the chairmanship of Revenue divisional Commissioner (North Division), Sambalpur. The meeting of RAC is held regularly and issues of R & R of displaced persons are monitored and reviewed and the grievances of the displaced persons are also redressed.

However, those issues, which require intervention of the State Government, are discussed at the level of Principal Secretary to the Government of Orissa and the Chief Secretary, Government of Orissa.

(b) Employment to eligible land oustees is being provided by MCL as per provisions of R & R guidelines issued by Government of Orissa and the policy of Coal India Limited. As such, the question of not providing employment does not arise.

(c) Coalfield-wise employment provided to displaced persons in comparison to production fo MCL during the period from 2002-03 to 2006-07 (till November, 2006) are given below:

Year	Production (in thousand tonnes)			Employment provided to displaced persons		
	IB Coalfield	Talcher Coalfield	Total	IB Coalfield	Talchar Coalfield	Total
2002-03	15509.86	36719.20	52229.06	4	228	232
2003-04	17986.36	42062.16	60048.52	5	333	338
2004-05	21513.27	44566.93	66080.20	103	176	279
2005-06	24120.16	45483.86	69604.02	47	242	289
2006-07 (till Nov. 2006)	18362.77	32312.99	50675.76	0	292	292
TOTAL:				159	1271	1430